



# CITY OF UCON NEWSLETTER

## FEBRUARY 2016

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### **January 13, 2016 – City Council Highlights**

**Attendance:** Mayor Blain, Councilmembers Vernon Hill, John Brasier, Jon Holst and Nadine Ball, and several citizens were present.

**City Council** – Meeting was called to order by Mayor Blain at 7:31 PM. A boy scout led the pledge of allegiance, Daniel Morgan led the opening prayer.

**EXCUSE EXITING COUNCIL/OATHS OF OFFICE** – Mayor Blain thanked Vernon Hill for his 17 plus years of service to the Ucon City Council and presented him with a plaque, hat, and jacket. The City Clerk administered the oaths of office to re-elected councilmember, John Brasier, and newly elected councilmember, Craig Sturman, and presented their certificates of election. John Brasier was elected as Council President.

**ORDINANCE 105B – BEAUTIFICATION – PUBLIC HEARING** – Mayor Blain stated that this is the third and final reading of the ordinance. Craig Sturman read the ordinance by title. Mayor Blain opened the public hearing at 7:52 PM. Several citizens had questions about what constitutes rubbish and whether unsightly back yards are addressed in the ordinance. The public hearing was closed at 8:15 PM. The ordinance was approved on final reading and approved to be published by summary.

**P&Z REPORT** – Casie Hammer reported that no meetings were held in November or December. Tyler Baum, Sonya Park and Winnie Welker were appointed to fill the vacancies. Future building permits will be reviewed by P&Z for verification of setbacks and zoning. Planning and Zoning will start drafting an ordinance for fire marshal review of commercial building permits.

**FIRE REPORT-** Chief Scott Norman reported 42 training hours, 44 hours in meetings, 36 hours on calls (2 canceled en route, 1 call to Ucon) and 152 hours maintenance. The Pierce fire truck radiator and power steering pump have been repaired; there are still a few more things on the truck that need repaired. They are working on a few grants. They are continuing on the remodel of training room upstairs in the shop. He requested and received approval to purchase a new tire and spare for the Humvee. They have been looking in to donating the old fire engine to another small agency so they are working to make sure it doesn't have any problems. Craig Sturman stated that he knows of some small departments that might need an engine.

**POLICE REPORT-** Chief Jim Walker reported 263 patrol hours, 13 overtime hours (highway safety grant), 2 call outs, 2 arrest warrants, 31 traffic stops, 3 traffic citations issued, 2 non-traffic citations issued, 4 complaints responded to, 1 special patrol, 4 county assists, 2 traffic accidents, 16 hours other. He presented the memo on the requirements for accounting for equipment acquired via grants. He stated

that two major US cities have discontinued patrol cameras due to a new federal guideline for maintaining storage for 5 years. Also, the federal government wants to be the repository for all videos. He requested and received authorization to seek funding to improve the Ucon pit.

**LANDSCAPE & REC. COMMITTEE REPORT-** Nadine Ball stated that she has finalized the Tree City application. She suggested awarding Christmas light displays. Mayor Blain suggested looking into that next fall.

**WATER & SEWER SYSTEM REPORT** – Daniel Morgan reported that the lift station wiring is still ongoing. He reported that Timberline lift station circuit board has been replaced. He presented a quote for water meters for \$29,085.50 which includes one new meter for Ucon Elementary. He asked for and received permission to travel to Lava Hot Springs to look at a plow for the new plow truck. He requested and received authorization to purchase the meters and to replace the two school meters with one meter.

**Executive session:** The council conducted an executive session in accordance with Idaho Code 67-2345 (b) to discuss employee evaluations.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:56 P.M.

### **Are you ready for winter driving???**

- Increase following distance
- Have an emergency kit in vehicle
- Headlights on to increase visibility
- Leave plenty of time to get to your destination
- Clean off windshield & side windows

### **Fire Department Safety Message**

Please remember to get your chimneys cleaned and inspected this winter.

### **City Meeting Schedule**

- **City Council:** 2nd Wed, 7:30 PM.
- **Planning & Zoning:** Last Thurs, 7:00 PM.
- **Landscape & Recreation:** 1st Thurs, 5:30 PM.

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## **WATER FREEZE UPS**

Cold weather is here!! Prevent water freeze-ups....if your water has frozen in the past, don't forget to leave a thin stream of water running when the temperature is below zero for extended periods.

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## **EASTER EGG HUNT 2016**

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

If you have some spare time and would like to stuff eggs, call on sponsors or help in any other way, please give us a call. Help make this year a HUGE success for all the kids. If you would like to donate, please send it in and mark it "Easter Donation". Thank you!

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## **Snow Removal**

Plows please move all vehicles, trailers, etc. off street rights-of-way. Please don't plow snow out into the streets as it creates a hazard for other drivers. Remember snow plows have the right of way.

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